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SUBJ: AP STORY ON POSSIBLE MURDER OF PRIVATE CITIZEN BY MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES

1. WISH TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO AP STORY DATELINED  
MANILA WHICH APPEARED IN FEBRUARY 16 PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES  
UNDER BYLINE OF ARNOLD ZEITLIN. STORY CONCERNS 51-YEAR-OLD  
COBBLER MANG JUAN ADRIANO WHO WAS GIVEN SUMMONS FOR HIS  
WIFE TO APPEAR AT CAMP CRAME FOR "CONFRONTATION INVESTIGATION"  
ON COMPLAINT FILED BY JUANITO CAMALIG. SUBPOENA WAS  
ISSUED AT ABOUT 5:10 IN THE PM ON JUNE 22 AND ORDERED MRS.  
ADRIANO TO REPORT BY 6:00 P.M. ADRIANO WENT IN HIS WIFE'S  
STED. AT ABOUT 6:25 P.M. MRS. ADRIANO WAS TOLD TO COME  
TO CAMP CRAME HOSPITAL TO PICK UP HER HUSBAND. SHE ARRIVED  
AT 7:00 P.M. AND WAS TOLD HER HUSBAND WAS DEAD. IN EXAMINING  
HIS BODY, SHE FOUND INJURIES ON FOREHEAD, BRUISES ON HIS  
WRISTS, ETC. A DOCTOR SAID HIS BODY HAD BEEN FOUND OUTSIDE  
CAMP GYM. SHE ASKED FOR MORE DETAILS BUT WAS TOLD NOTHING  
AND FAINTED.

2. THREE WEEKS AFTER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH, MRS. ADRIANO  
MET WITH SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ENRILE. HE SUMMONED  
MAJOR ROLANDO ABADILLA IN WHOSE NAME ORIGINAL SUBPOENA  
WAS ISSUED AND ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION. PC CHIEF MG RAMOS  
ALSO ORDERED INVESTIGATION. THREE WEEKS LATER ABADILLA  
HAS NOT APPEARED BEFORE BOARD OF INQUIRY NOR HAS MRS.

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ADRIANO BEEN GIVEN FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S

DEATH.

3. MRS. ADRIANO TOLD AP SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD ASKED FOUR TEMPORARY LODGERS TO MOVE FROM THEIR NEW HOUSE IN QUEZON CITY SINCE SHE AND HER FAMILY WISHED TO MOVE FROM THEIR STORE. ONE OF THE TENANTS, JUANITO CAMALIG, TOLD ADRIANOS HE WAS RELATED TO A MAJOR ABADILLA AND PRESUMABLY APPEALED TO HIM TO HELP KEEP HIM FROM BEING EVICTED.

4. COMMENT: EVENTS DESCRIBED SUGGEST BRUTAL AND REPREHENSIBLE MISUSE OF MILITARY AUTHORITY TO SETTLE PRIVATE QUARRELS. ZEITLIN TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 16 HE HAD BEEN SITTING ON STORY FOR SOME TIME WAITING FOR MILITARY TO DO SOMETHING AND FILED IT AFTER NOTHING HAPPENED. WE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF STORY, E.G. ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN PICK UP OF ADRIANO AT HIS STORE IN DOWNTOWN MANILA, HIS MURDER BY MILITARY EITHER EN ROUTE OR AT CAMP CRAME AND NOTIFICATION TO HIS WIFE. WE SHALL BE CHECKING FURTHER BUT WISHED TO FLAG THIS CASE FOR DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION. FOR IF STORY IS ACCURATE AND ABADILLA AND HIS MEN GO UNPUNISHED, THIS CASTS SERIOUS DOUBTS ON CREDIBILITY OF GOP'S COMMITMENT TO PUNISH MILITARY MISCONDUCT.  
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